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DEPARTMENT OF THE OHIO,

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Officers drawing Subsistence Stores from the United States, in this Department, will be governed by the following:

1st. The meat rations can be of either Pork, Bacon, (sides or shoulders,) Salt or Fresh Beef, or one-half of either two of the above items, or one-third of either three, or one-fourth of the four, or any such division that the added total number of rations shall equal the total number of rations drawn.

2d. A similar rule should be followed in regard to the two items of Breadstuffs; thus, one-fourth flour can be drawn and three-fourths of Hard Bread, or the reverse, or half of each.

3d. The law allows any two of the four items of Beans, Peas, Rice or Hominy, or two-thirds of any three. Dessicated Potatoes, or Dessicated Mixed Vegetables, can be substituted for either Beans, Peas, Rice or Hominy.

4th. Tea or Coffee can be drawn on same principle as in paragraph two.

5th. Sugar, Vinegar, Candles, Soap and Salt, are all drawn separately, and for the full amount of rations if desired.

6th. For Potatoes (fresh) take three-sevenths of the total number of rations drawn, which will be the number of pounds allowed on any return. For Molasses take two-sevenths of the total number of rations drawn, which will give the number of rations allowed, which divided by one hundred gives the number of gallons.

7th. Each Company of one hundred men should obtain for cooking, from the Quartermaster's Department, two camp kettles, five mess pans, two axes and two hatchets for every fifteen men. Also, if possible, tin cup, spoon and knife for every man.

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